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Docket No. 22-0123**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: David A. Wright, Michael W. Mann, Aaron D. Falk, and Rhon L. Williams

Application No.: 09/782,807

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For: ENCAPSULATION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING
FIXED-LENGTH DATA PACKETS THROUGH AN INTERMEDIATE NETWORK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

PETITIONS OFFICE

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers originally mailed on April 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with a paragraph that reads as follows:

A method and apparatus for communicating fixed-length data packets through an intermediate computer network. The method comprises receiving a data packet characterized by a fixed-length packet format, and constructing a remnant packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format, which includes inserting at least a portion of the data packet routing information in the data field of the remnant packet. The method also comprises communicating the remnant packet, receiving the remnant packet and constructing a reconstructed data